

Amendments to the Claims

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1. (currently amended) A method for configuring an appliance across a network, comprising:
receiving configuration instructions ~~in command format~~ via an e-mail message including the instructions in command format received at the appliance.

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2. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the e-mail is received at a mail server on the appliance.

3. (original) The method of claim 2 wherein the mail server on the appliance communicates is one of the group comprised of: an IMAP server, and a SMTP server.

4. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the method further comprises running a mail daemon from the appliance, wherein the appliance is always connected to the network and the daemon monitors electronic mail for the device.

5. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the method further comprises connecting the appliance to the network to receive the electronic mail.

6. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the e-mail is received at a mail client on the appliance.

7. (previously presented) The method of claim 6 wherein the mail client on the appliance communicates with a mail server on the network.

8.-13. (withdrawn)

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14. (currently amended) An article comprising:
~~A~~ a storage medium, the storage medium having stored thereon instructions, that, when executed by a computing device, result in:
reception of electronic mail by a network appliance; and

configuration of the appliance in accordance with instructions contained in command format in the electronic mail.

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15. (original) The article of claim 14, wherein the computing device is the network appliance.
16. (original) The article of claim 15, wherein the network appliance is a remote camera.
17. (original) The article of claim 15, wherein the network appliance is an Internet radio player.
